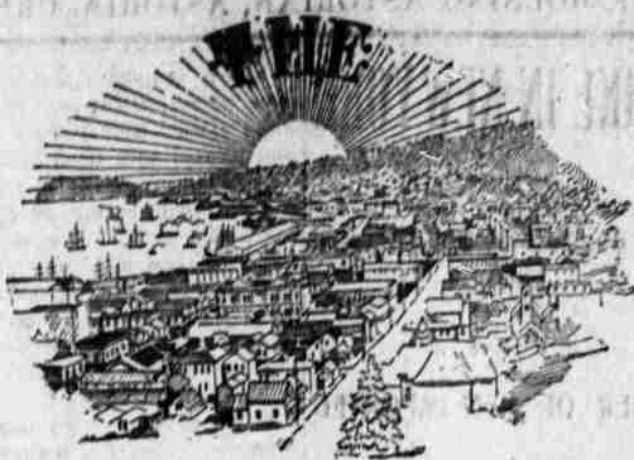


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DECISIVE DAY

Great Battle Is Now Being Fought.

JAPS TO USE RESERVES

All Japan Eagerly Watching Result of the Battle Now in Progress.

MEANS VICTORY OR DEFEAT

Report That Entire Japanese Forces Are Engaged and That Kuropatkin Will Hurl Army Against Victorious Japanese.

London, March 6.—A correspondent to the Times from St. Petersburg of March 6 says:

Reassuring dispatches received tonight claim that the Japanese have already used all of their reserves in today's battle. If Kuropatkin receives positive assurance on this point tomorrow he will hurl his entire force to the south and southeast of Mukden and try to break Oyama's army.

Tokio, March 6.—All Japan is eagerly watching developments at the great theater of war in Manchuria. The people are confident that Field Marshal Oyama will defeat General Kuropatkin. The only question being considered is the extent of the severity of the blow that he will inflict and the effect upon the course of the war.

St. Petersburg, March 6.—The result of the greatest battle of modern times is expected to be determined today or tomorrow. Two of the largest armies ever mobilized, both in men and guns are now locked in death struggle, and although General Kuropatkin has evidently made every precaution to cover his retreat by removing his accumulated stores and munitions northward. It is now the opinion of the military men here that one side or the other cannot escape an overwhelming disaster. With both wings bent backward, Kuropatkin's position appears desperate, but the issue is still in the balance. News of a victory for him is only regarded as possible by his breaking through the enveloping lines and news of a concentrated offensive is hourly awaited. Unless Kuropatkin can strike and strike hard it is realized that he must lose.

Field Marshal Oyama's strategy in this battle is now clear. He started and amazed the extreme Russian left, and the series of blows delivered at the center where no less than 13 separate attacks have been launched by the imperial guards, 10 miles east of Pout-liff hill. But it is now realized that the heavy blows at the left were intended to mark the real turning movement, which came like a bolt from a clear sky out of the west. Kuropatkin fell into a trap. The situation seems an exact duplicate of that at Liao Yang and the Russian commander in chief hastened to mass forces to meet Kuroki. Friday the whole situation was suddenly reversed when with lightning rapidity the Japanese turning operations began on the plain between the Hun and Liao rivers. A terrible battle is raging and it will no doubt be decided tomorrow.

Nieuchwang, March 6.—Traders arriving here report that last night 30,000 Japanese gained entrance to a position five miles west of the gates of Mukden. A hand-to-hand fight continued until daylight, followed without advantage to either side.

DENY THE ALLEGATION.

Paper Trust Does Not Control the Prices.

St. Paul, March 6.—The International Paper Company and other defendants against whom a suit was brought by Attorney General Moody in the United States court here, against the so-called paper trust, today filed an answer to the complaint.

in which they enter a general denial that they conspired to control the paper trade in the United States and establish process or restrain the trade.

STRIKE RESUMED.

125,000 Men on a Strike Throughout Russia.

St. Petersburg, March 6.—The strike was resumed again this morning at Putloff, Oubkoff and several other works is now extensive though not general. Disorders in Caucasus, and especially in Kutais and Batoum, where rioting occurred in which a number of persons were killed or wounded. There are 125,000 persons on a strike in this region.

TROUBLE IN FAMILY.

Among Retainers of the Stanford Household.

Palo Alto, Cal., March 6.—Miss Elizabeth Richmond, this afternoon admitted that troubles had existed in the Stanford household among the retainers. The private detectives have been working to ascertain whether the feud might not have been directly or indirectly the cause of the attempted poisoning. "Jealousies existed in the Stanford household among the employees," said Miss Richmond, "but I cannot exactly term them an open rupture."

Advertising Scheme.

New York, March 6.—Jewelry worth \$5000 has been stolen from the apartments in Sherman square of Dudley Olcott, a well known clubman. So far the police have obtained no clue to the thief who entered the apartment while Mr. and Mrs. Olcott were attending a theater.

Chief of Police Killed.

Byelostatok, Poland, March 6.—The district chief of police was shot and killed while attempting to disperse a crowd of workmen today who had met just outside of the town.

NEWS FROM OLYMPIA

Tax Commission Bill Passes the Senate.

INVESTIGATION IS DEMANDED

The Direct Primary Bill Passed the House—Similar in Its Provisions to the Minnesota Direct Primary Law.

Olympia, March 6.—After a day spent in discussing in the committee of the whole the respective merits of the senate and house commission tax bill the senate, late this afternoon passed the house bill by a vote of 36 to 5 without any important amendments. The house passed a resolution calling upon the state treasurer to furnish information as to the quarterly cash balances in the state treasury for the last two years, the amount of interest, if any paid to the state by depositors, and to name the depositories, requiring him to express an opinion as to the practicability of a depository law requiring the payment of interest on state deposits.

The house direct primary bill passed the house this evening. It follows closely the law of Minnesota, but affects only the superior judges, members of the legislature and county and city officers. After an extended debate occupying a greater portion of the day, the bill passed by a vote of 52 to 29.

GONE TO A WARMER CLIME.

Leaves 300 Acres of Land to Dunkard Church.

Chicago, March 6.—Dr. Peter Fahrney is dead at home here of heart disease. His last business transaction was the deed to the Dunkard church of Hagerstown, Md., with which organization he had been identified, of 300 acres of land at San Mar, the family homestead, ten miles from Hagerstown for the erection of an old people's home.

Dr. Fahrney was 65 years old and had accumulated a fortune estimated at more than \$1,000,000.

IS DEMOCRATIC

Colorado Democrats Follow Custom.

BRIBERY IS ATTEMPTED

Fifteen Hundred Dollars Offered Republican to Vote Against Peabody.

INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE

Senator W. Morgan, Republican, Openly Accused J. M. Herbert and Daniel Sullivan, Democrats, of Attempting to Bribe Him.

Denver, March 6.—Senator W. Morgan, a republican, today openly accused James M. Herbert and Daniel Sullivan of offering him a bribe to vote for Hon. Alva Adams for governor in the contest now pending before the joint convention. The accusations came in the form of a letter addressed to Jesse F. McDonald, as president of the senate and presiding officer of the joint convention of the 15th general assembly.

The letter stated that Herbert had given Morgan \$750 and that the money had been turned over with full information to the district attorney, Mr. Stidger of the city and county of Denver. On motion of a committee of five was appointed to investigate the charges. Herbert is one of the foremost railroad men of the state and Sullivan is postmaster at Cripple Creek. Eight informations charging bribery and conspiracy were filed also against Herbert and Sullivan in the criminal court today by District Attorney Stidger. Both of the accused were arraigned and the bail was fixed at \$5000 in each case, which was furnished.

In a statement issued tonight by Governor Adams, he stated that he believed that the charges were made as a part of a fixed program; that Morgan personally visited Governor Adams on March 2 and promised to vote for him because he believed he, Adams, was honestly elected. In a statement issued today Herbert says Morgan approached him saying that the Peabody workers had been hounding him and that they offered him \$3000 to vote for Peabody and that he thought that if he stood by Adams as his constituents desired him to do, he ought to have \$3000 for incurring the displeasure of the Peabody men, Morgan reduced his price to \$1500, but Herbert said he would have nothing to do with the proposition.

Sullivan made a similar statement, charging Morgan with soliciting a bribe from Herbert in his (Sullivan's) presence. Sullivan today assailed a Peabody worker on the street, alleging that Peabody lobbyists had instigated Morgan to make the charges for the purpose of influencing legislators to vote for Peabody. The democrats claim that Morgan's statements help Peabody's fight. The affair created intense excitement in the city and many are inclined to believe Morgan's statement and that Herbert's sounds fishy.

Left This Vale of Tears.

Salem, March 6.—Mrs. J. W. Harman committed to the insane asylum from Selma, Josephine county, last week, committed suicide today by hanging herself with a twisted rope made from a bed sheet. It is thought she was insane.

WHEELS IN HIS HEAD.

Scientist Discovers that Man May Live Longer.

Chicago, March 6.—Man may live happily and usefully for 150 years according to Dr. Lyman B. Sperry of Oberlin, O., who has expressed this belief in an address delivered before the Y. M. C. A. of Chicago.

"After a third of a century of scientific study, such is my conclusion," said Dr. Sperry. "The destructive forces which bring about the present low average of longevity are manifold, but I believe it is possible to enjoy good health and activity up to a century and a half by a proper understanding of the human possibilities and the exercise of this knowledge."

Dr. Sperry's topic was the "Science of Living," his main object, apparently being to point out the influence which retard long life with stress on the theory that immortality has a direct bearing on the physical being.

Climatic conditions, according to Dr. Sperry, have been reduced to statistics, proving beyond doubt that both torrid and frigid atmosphere tend to shorten existence.

The longevity worth mentioning, it was claimed, existed in the temperate zone.

In relation to the destructive force of evil habits, Dr. Sperry spoke at length, and his scathing treatment of drink, tobacco, and opium, was said to be derived from personal association with victims.

COLORED COLLECTOR.

Charles W. Anderson Appointed Collector at New York.

Washington, March 6.—There is authority for a positive statement that the president has fully decided upon the appointment of Charles W. Anderson, the negro lawyer of New York, as internal revenue collector for the district of New York to succeed Charles H. Treat, who will be appointed to succeed Ellis H. Roberts, treasurer of the United States at Washington. The appointment will not be made until June.

Gone to Parts Unknown.

Alameda, Cal., March 6.—Alfred O'Brien, a young plumber, while with a boat party in the Estuary today fell from his boat and was stunned by striking his head against the anchor of a schooner. He sank in the water and was drowned.

CASSIE IN COURT

Chadwick Trial Was Commenced Yesterday.

THE DEFENDANT SWOONS

Andrew Carnegie Enters the Court Room During the Progress of the Trial, But Does Not Notice Mrs. Chadwick.

Cleveland, March 6.—The trial of Mrs. Cassie L. Chadwick for alleged violation of the national banking laws was commenced in the United States district court before Judge Taylor today. Mrs. Chadwick came into the court room in the custody of two bailiffs. She was calm and self possessed, showing not the slightest trace of excitement.

When the attorney for the government was making his argument to the jury she had a nervous collapse which brought the trial to an abrupt termination. During the taking of testimony the witness was obliged to leave the room and upon reaching the ante room sank into a chair in a dead faint. Nothing startling was brought out today during the proceedings.

The jury is regarded by lawyers as a good one for the defendant, because there are no real business men upon it and the trial deals largely with banking and other questions close to business affairs.

Andrew Carnegie walked into the court room during the trial. He cast a quick glance at Mrs. Chadwick and took a seat on the other side of the court room.

Charters Are Dull.

San Francisco, March 6.—The charter market at present is said to be the dulllest that has ever been recorded in the history of the port. Of all the vessels in the harbor not a single deep water ship has been chartered to carry grain. There is a large fleet on the way here from foreign ports, but none has been chartered prior to arrival.

The lack of activity is being commented upon by shipping men who fail to account for the stagnation of the market.

CONTEST WILL

Unconfirmed Report in San Francisco.

CASE IS INVESTIGATED

Photograph Taken of Two Prominent Members of Stanford House.

NO ARRESTS HAVE BEEN MADE

Albert Beverly, Formerly Butler, and Miss Richmonds, Formerly Maid of the Stanford Mansion, Undergo an Examination.

San Francisco, March 6.—Albert Beverly, formerly the butler, and Miss H. H. Richmond, formerly the maid of the Stanford household, were closeted in the office of the captain of police and Detective Burnett this afternoon for three hours. The conference was a star chamber meeting, the police taking great pains to preserve absolute secrecy. There were present beside the two to be questioned, Captain Burnett, Detective Wren, District Attorney Boyington and Attorney Wilson, representing the Stanford estate.

During the course of the quizzing, the photographer of the police department was sent for and pictures of Beverly and Miss Richmond were taken. Captain Burnett declared that these facts did not in any way indicate that the police contemplated arresting the pair. District Attorney Boyington refused to discuss the case. Captain Burnett declared that Miss Richmond was not "sweated," but had come to police headquarters voluntarily in order to tell all she knew concerning the case.

Notwithstanding all of these statements, however, three hours was insufficient for the inquisitors to get at the facts wanted, in consequence of which Beverly and Miss Richmond will be again questioned at police headquarters tomorrow. It is rumored here tonight that a contest of the will of Mrs. Stanford is contemplated by certain relatives of this city. An investigation into the matter failed to substantiate their authenticity.

Miss Grace Gilmore, ward of the late Mrs. Stanford, said today that she believed that a murder had been committed and that the murderer was in the city. She refused to name the persons suspected.

Honolulu, March 6.—At the coroner's inquest this afternoon to inquire into the death of Mrs. Stanford, Dr. Wood, one of the autopsy physicians testified that symptoms were found by him and other physicians which indicated strychnine poisoning as the cause of Mrs. Stanford's death. The different organs, he said, failed to show any sufficient cause for death from any disease. Mrs. Stanford's secretary, Miss Berner, testified that Mrs. Stanford left San Francisco on the advice of her brother, her attorney and physician on account of the occurrence on January 14, when Mrs. Stanford drank mineral water afterward ascertained to have contained strychnine. Miss Berner related some incidents about their stay here indicating the improved health of Mrs. Stanford. Miss Berner testified that on the fatal night she had prepared the medicine for Mrs. Stanford and retired.

After Mrs. Stanford had retired I aroused from my sleep by hearing my name called. I recognized Mrs. Stanford's voice calling out "Bertha, I am so sick." We rushed to the room and found her clinging to the frame of the door. I tried to induce her to sit down. She said: "I have got no control over my body, I think I am poisoned."

Witness had administered about six or seven glasses of hot water when Dr. Humphreys came. She said: "Doctor, I think I am poisoned; won't you bring a stomach pump?" Then turn-

ing to me she said: "Bertha, tell the doctor what happened," referring to the San Francisco episode of January 14. I explained to the doctor. He tried to compose Mrs. Stanford, saying to her: "Don't be afraid." She said: "Another spasm is coming," and then, "my soul is prepared, I go to meet my dear loved ones. Oh, God, forgive my sins." The muscles became rigid. Then there came profuse perspiration, followed by violent spasms and Mrs. Stanford died.

INQUEST TOMORROW.

Coroner's Jury to Inquire Into Death of Mrs. Stanford.

Honolulu, March 6.—A report is in circulation to the effect that the chemists were unable to find any strychnine in the organs of Mrs. Stanford, but have found indications of poison and will probably so testify at the inquest, stating that while it was not developed by the analysis they are convinced of its presence. The inquest may be private, with a possibility that not even members of the press will not be permitted to attend.

Death of George Wyckham.

Middletown, N. Y., March 6.—George Wyckham, an elder in the First Presbyterian church for 24 years, offered prayer in the church, returned home and had just greeted his wife when he was stricken with apoplexy and died. He was the father of Harvey L. Wyckham, a San Francisco newspaper editor, and a member of one of the oldest families in this section.

Twenty Thousand Immigrants.

New York, March 6.—Nearly 20,000 immigrants, forerunners of the spring rush, are scheduled to arrive this week. Last week 14,145 were brought in by 13 ships. Of the 18 ships scheduled to arrive, seven will bring 7,587 Italians. Of the large number now coming from Italy the majority will go west.

SHE WAS POISONED

Chemist Reports the Finding of Strychnine.

SEVERAL INDICATIONS FOUND

Examination by Chemists Show a Swelling of the Heart Which is a Certain Indication of Poisoning by the Authorities.

San Francisco, March 6.—The Cal says today that the local authorities have now positive assurance in the form of information by cable from Honolulu that Mrs. Stanford's death was directly due to strychnine poisoning. This cable contained, it is said, a synopsis of the report of the chemists who had been engaged for the last three days in analyzing the stomach and other organs of the deceased. The stomach, kidneys and heart were found upon examination, it is said, to be in a very healthy condition and much above those of the average woman of Mrs. Stanford's age. There was, however, a swelling of the heart that the report says would only be produced in death resulting from strychnine poisoning. No trace of the strychnine was found by the chemists in the stomach, yet all agree that there is no longer any doubt of the cause of the death of Mrs. Stanford and that the autopsy has failed to reveal indications that would suggest any other cause for death than strychnine poisoning. The experts' findings, according to the Cal's statement, are also to the effect that an analysis of the contents of the bottle of bicarbonate of soda from which Mrs. Stanford took the portion, show that strychnine was mixed all through the contents.

San Francisco, March 6.—The Examiner today publishes a Honolulu dispatch to the effect that poisoning is indicated by thick fluid blood found in the intestines by the surgeons who performed the autopsy on Mrs. Stanford's body. The autopsy also, it is said, showed that the stomach contained only water which, proves it is claimed, that death was not due to acute indigestion.